

# Welcome to Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Our challenge is to provide opportunities for every student to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace. Providing these opportunities requires that programs keep pace with a rapidly changing business and economic environment. Our high school students must have a strong academic education, obtain Career and Technical Education skills, and be prepared to transition to some post-secondary education.

The Utah High School to College and Career Pathways initiative helps match education and workplace needs. Through partnerships with post-secondary institutions, school districts, business, and industry, Pathways identify and group courses within Career and Technical Education. Areas of study offer students depth of knowledge and skill linked with specific post-secondary programs culminating in degrees or certificates.



### QUICK FACTS:

- Eighteen of the 20 fastest-growing occupations within the next decade will require Career and Technical Education.
- Career and Technical Education closes the workforce gap by giving students a jump-start in obtaining essential life skills and certified occupational skills.
- Students who take two or more Career and Technical Education courses are less likely to drop out of high school.
- The more Career and Technical Education courses students take, the less likely they are to suffer periods of unemployment.

### STATISTICS:

- Over 140,000 students (grades 9-12) are enrolled in CTE courses.
- Last year, over 85,000 students were awarded a CTE Skill Certificate.
- Over 139,000 CTE students participate in internships, field studies, job shadows, and career fairs.
- Last year, over 57,000 concurrent enrollment credits were earned by CTE students.

*CTE: Giving Students the Edge*  
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